APPENDIX.

[Vide item IV (1) on page 431 supra.]

REPORT OF THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE MADRAS BHOODAN YAGNA BILL, 1957 (L.A. BILL No. 15 OF 1957).

To

THE HON. THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
MADRAS.

The Joint Select Committee appointed to consider the Madras Bhoodan Yagna Bill, 1957 (L.A. Bill No. 15 of 1957), has the honour to make the following report.

2. The Bill was published in English in Part IV-A of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 4th November 1957, and in Tamil in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 20th November 1957.

3. The Joint Select Committee was appointed by resolutions of the Assembly, dated the 13th November 1957, and of the Council, dated the 15th November 1957.

4. The Joint Select Committee met in the Committee Room, Legislators' Hostel (Old), Government Estate, Mount Road, Madras, on the 2nd December 1957 and in the Governor's Room in the Fort St. George on the 8th January 1958 and in the Committee Room, Legislators' Hostel (Old), Government Estate, Mount Road, Madras, on the 10th February 1958.

5. At its first meeting the Joint Select Committee elected Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam as its Chairman.

The Committee took evidence of Sri S. Jagannathan, Secretary of the Tamilnad Bhoodan Committee.

6. The Committee has subjected the clauses of the Bill to a detailed scrutiny and as a result of such scrutiny has made various changes in them. Some of the important changes made by the Committee are mentioned below :—

Preamble.

The preamble has been recast so as to include 'Gramdan Villages' and 'Gramdan lands' within the scope of the Bill.

Clause 2.

The clause deals with definitions. Three new sub-clauses have been added defining 'Gramdan land', 'Gramdan Village', and 'Sarvodaya Panchayat'.

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Clause 4.

The Committee decided to recast sub-clause (1) of the clause so as to provide that the State Board shall consist of a Chairman and 10 or more but not exceeding 14 Members appointed in consultation with Sri Acharya Vinobha Bhave or a person nominated by him in writing in this behalf. Consequently sub-clause (2) has been deleted.

Clause 11.

The Committee decided to omit sub-clause (2) as it considered that such a provision was unnecessary.

Clause 12.

The Committee considered that the approval of the Government for delegating powers to the Secretary was not necessary and the clause has been amended accordingly.

Clause 15.

The strength of the Local Committee which was originally fixed at 3 in sub-clause (1) of the clause has been increased to 5.

Clause 17.

The Committee considered that a period of two months will be sufficient for filing objections. The clause has been amended accordingly.

Clause 19.

The Committee decided that while granting lands the donor's wish should be taken into consideration. It was also decided that the approval of the Government was not necessary for any grant. The clause has been amended accordingly.

Clause 23.

The Committee decided that three months instead of six would be sufficient for instituting suits in Civil Courts. The clause has been amended accordingly.

Clauses 25 *and* 26.

The Bill did not contain any provision about Gramdan lands. The Committee decided that provision should be made for the same. Accordingly provision has been made for vesting the Gramdan lands in Sarvodaya Panchayat and the management of such lands.

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Clause 27.

A new clause has been added empowering the State Board to make regulations for the conduct of business, etc.

Clause 28.

Provision has been made for placing the rules framed under the Act to be placed on the Table of the House.

7. All the clauses have been renumbered and the changes made by the Joint Select Committee are indicated in the annexed Bill.

8. The Committee decided that the changes made by it were of such important character as to require the republication of the Bill.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
MADRAS-9,
11*th February* 1958.

M. BHAKTAVATSALAM,
Chairman.